

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Requesting that City Light provide a detailed explanation of various benchmarking studies

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City Light has participated in a number of benchmark studies over the last several year that compare its costs and performance in various areas with those of other utilities that have participated in the studies.

While some of the benchmarks show the utility in a favorable light, notably in reliability and power quality, some do not. For example, the comparisons below, from the 2008 Transmission & Distribution Benchmarking Community Study, raise questions about City Light's costs:

	Expense per Customer	Expense per Circuit Mile	Expense per MWh of Load	Employees per 100,000 Customers
Avg excluding City Light	\$75.33	\$2,822	\$2.48	91.4
City Light	\$103.00	\$13,974	\$4.06	225

The Council would like to understand why City Light's performance in these areas falls short of the average of the other utilities involved in the study, and asks City Light to provide a comprehensive analysis of various benchmarking studies, including specific explanations for each of the differences noted in the table above.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Energy Technology and Civil Rights

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